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Office of the President
December 10, 2019

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:
COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy degree with a major in Arts Administration, in the Department of Arts Administration, within the College of Fine Arts, beginning in the Fall 2020 Semester.

Background: The proposed program seeks to address the critical need in the United States for scholars in arts and culture. There are currently only two universities that offer comparable specialization in the area of arts and culture research. The University of Kentucky (UK) would be the first university in the country offering arts administration degrees at the bachelor, master, and doctoral levels. The degree program is intended to be offered in an online format for courses and student mentoring, with most students currently working as arts and culture professionals. The program requires the previous completion of a master's degree and will consist of 42 hours of coursework plus additional research requirements. A natural recruitment pipeline from UK's Master of Arts in Arts Administration alumni is anticipated. Possible opportunities for graduates include state and local arts councils; federal, state, and local government agencies; arts service organizations; large arts organizations including museums, performing arts organizations, and arts centers; economic and community development organizations; and think tanks. An initial cohort of four students growing to 16 students is anticipated.

The program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate, and has completed the 30 day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other_____